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SAMBWA Pida Nbagui

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State Commissioner for Planning (since July 1985)

Addressed as: Mr. Minister

Sambwa Pida Nbagui is a respected economist he is	
attempting to keep the government's austerity	
program on track and offering President Mobutu	
Sese Seko advice.	

Sambwa received a degree in economics and finance from the Free University of Brussels in 1966. He subsequently joined the Office of the President as a counselor for economic affairs. He has served twice as deputy director of that office (1969-70, 1979-80) and twice as governor of the Bank of Zaire (1970-77; 1980-85). For a few months before assuming his present position, he was State Commissioner for Economy and Industry.

Sambwa, 45, speaks French and some English. He has visited the United States to attend annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund. Married, he has five children.

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